

# Probate Judges

## Service Retirement Benefits

The service retirement benefit is payable in equal monthly installments over the life of the retired Probate Judge. The Alabama State Legislature may grant cost-of-living increases equal to those received by state retirees of the ERS on an ad hoc basis.

### *Judicial Service Only*

A Probate Judge with judicial service only will receive a service retirement benefit equal to **75 percent of the base sum or final judicial salary** payable by the state to a Probate Judge on the date the Probate Judge retires. Base sum is 90 percent of the annual state salary paid to a Circuit Court Judge on the date the Probate Judge retires.

### *ERS or TRS Transfer Service*

A Probate Judge with ERS or TRS transfer service will have his or her service retirement benefit calculated based on the following formula:

#### Service Retirement Formula

*(ERS or TRS Transfer Service)*

$75\% \times \text{Base Sum or Final Judicial Salary} \times \text{Years of Judicial Service} \div \text{Years Required at Retirement Age}$

*Plus*

$2.0125\% \times \text{Average Final Salary of Transfer Service} \times \text{Years of Transfer Service}$

This benefit **cannot** exceed 75 percent of the Probate Judge's base sum or final judicial salary on the date the Probate Judge retires.